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[Intro]

Hello! And welcome once again to *Success Left a Clue*, the podcast where I, your host, Robert Raymond Riopel, while I travel around the world noticing all the different clues to success, grab them, put my interpretation on them, and deliver them to you through this podcast. I want to welcome you to Episode 80. Episode #80, and this episode is called *Success is All Perspective*. How do you look at the world? And so, let's get right into this one.

As we do, I am still traveling. If you've been listening to last podcast, I believe the last ones I recorded I was in India. Right now, I happen to be in Hanoi, Vietnam, a beautiful city that I actually get to visit twice a year for the last number of years. And so, this lesson came from one I'd written down a while ago. But it all of a sudden kind of came to my mind to actually record it while I'm here. Let me explain.

I've been to Hanoi now, probably 7 or 8 or 9 times over the last number of years. And every time I'm here, I'm usually in the same area except for this time. This time the area I'm in, and I was anticipating I'd be in the same area right around the West Lake or Old Town area, Sword Lake, but I'm on the kind of opposite side of the city. In fact, it's like a 45 minute drive just to get to where I normally stay. And that kind of remind me because all of a sudden, I'm like, "Oh man, why are we moving to a different location? I don't know this area. Yada, yada. Yada."

And all of a sudden, yeah, it hit me, success is all perspective. Now, I know you might wonder what does that have to do being in a different location with success, but it reminded me of this episode and kind of the example I want to use.

I talked about in the different podcast, when you're looking out at other people, sometimes you can't judge a book by the cover but we always do. Our mind always kicks in and starts doing exactly that. And so, that happens with everything that you see around you and it's making those little judgments instantly, quickly, all the time. You see someone and maybe they're sitting on the side of the street or they must be poor, they must have a rough life, they must not be happy, whatever comes to your mind.

You see a person driving a nice car and it's like, "Oh! Look how successful they are. They know what they want. Or, they must have a high-paying job and they must be part of a wealthy family or even something as simple as this. I'm 5'6. In a lot of places, that's not very tall. And I see other people and for years, I've looked at people that were taller than me. And my mind would automatically think that they're more successful because they got height. They have size. Here I am, a shorter person. And, isn't that a bunch of crap right there? But that's what the mind does.

See the mind is always looking for ways to kind of knock you down, hold you back, keep you comfortable, right where you are. It doesn't want you to grow. And one of the easiest ways the mind found to do that is to find things to compare to. Hence, if you listen to my podcast on a regular basis, you may remember the one where we talk about comparing yourself to others. Never ever, ever compare your success to anybody else. Only ever compare your success to yourself. And it was when I actually started coming to countries like Vietnam, all of a sudden, where I used to be looking at other people and go, "Oh my goodness! They're taller than me. They must know something I don't. They must have some advantage, I don't. All that."

I came to a country like Vietnam where I'm actually a very tall person. And I even used to joke for a little while that, "Hey! One of the reasons I love going to Asia, in a place like Vietnam, I know what a 6'2 person feels like. Talk about trying to cover my own insecurities, my own vulnerabilities, by trying to justify. Comparisons I'd been making my life. And it's only a little while ago that I dropped using that joke because I realized, see ladies and gentlemen, I say that enough times and I can say it again. I'm no different than anybody else. I have the same kind of things going on in my head—doubts, fears, uncertainties, all that. And it's a day to day choice, whether you like it to stop you or whether you utilize it to move forward in the direction you truly want to go in.

And so, here I was even, kind of leading up to a new perspective here being in Hanoi, totally different area. That kind of lead to it but it also combined to, all of a sudden, a lesson and it hit me a couple of events ago. And I had two students stand up, that's actually two weeks ago, I was in Ho Chi Minh, formerly known as Saigon here in Vietnam.

And I had two people stand beside me because a question come up from a student about success. And so, I grabbed one person that was taller and one person that was shorter. And I stood all three of us in a row with me in the middle. I said, "Now, if you look at us by our size, can you really tell which one of us might be more successful than the other? Just because one person is taller, one person is not, does that mean one person is more successful than the other?"

The answer is no. We are all the same. The question is so, what are you choosing to focus on? I just did that podcast a couple weeks ago where a thousand versus one. Do you listen to the thousand reasons why you cannot do something or do you choose to put your energy into the one reason why you can't? That why, that goal, what you're going for. So never compare your success to others because success is perspective.

So let's turn that into other areas in life. Is success only ever, ever measured by money? No. I've seen some of the happiest people I've ever met in India. And by my standards, they have nothing. By their standards, they have success. There's happiness. So success comes in all areas—money, relationships, happiness, health. So how do you compare your success? Because success is all perspective ladies and gentleman. Plain and simple.

And if you're not happy with where you're at, chances are you're comparing your success to other people, comparing it to outside forces, comparing it to what your mind says true success is. Take some time. Quiet your mind. Come to your heart and become present to where you truly are, where you truly want to be and just know. Look for those successful things in your life. This is why even today, I still do my success journal. Five successes and or things I'm grateful for. Successes or gratitudes every single day. So I keep focusing on those things that I'm happy about, that I'm joyful about, that I appreciate having in my life.

Is there days I missed doing it? Oh, yeah. I'm no different than anybody else. Do I beat myself up over it? Oh no, I just acknowledge I'm aware. I get back up. I start again. Because when I can get another podcast, you're one shot, you're one chance in life only ends when you decide to quit. So on a day-to-day basis, don't ever going to say, life is easy, success is easy, happiness is easy. It's worth going for. It's worth having. It's worth putting the effort into because that will help you appreciate it even more. And when the times are good, times will be really good. When times are tough, you'll have those good times to put you through.

I hope this makes sense. I hope you understand. I'm just talking from my perspective, my experience from my upbringing, my pursuit, my filters of how I look at life. And if there's ever something I can see that helps you move forward, then that's all I can do. Because you're going to put the interpretation on it.

So Episode #80, *Success is All Perspective*. From my heart to yours, I want to thank you for being a listener. I want to thank you for checking out my book, *Success Left a Clue*, same title as this podcast. And please again give us a rating. If you've ordered my book, leave us a rating on Amazon. It's now in the eBook. We got the hard covers. We got soft covers. The podcast, you can get the transcripts at my website, successleftaclue.com. Whatever it takes, keep your life moving forward in the direction you truly want to be in. And thank you again, for who you are and remember, always live with passion.

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